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¶1. SUMMARY: THE BRUTAL KILLING OF THE TWO AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAQ DOMINATED COVERAGE IN ALL LOCAL ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA. UAE COLUMNIST ABDULLAH RASHID STATED IN "AL ITTIHAD" THAT ISLAM IS A JUST AND RIGHTEOUS RELIGION AND THE PEOPLE WHO COMMIT SUCH CRIMES MAY CALL THEMSELVES MUSLIMS BUT TRULY ARE NOT.

¶2. UNDER THE HEADLINE "VICTIMS OF TERRORISM FATWAS," "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 09/21: (ARABIC DAILY, ABU DHABI-BASED, SEMI-OFFICIAL, CIRCULATION 85,000)

". THE KILLERS SLAUGHTERED THE TWO AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN A VERY TRAGIC AND HORRIFYING SCENE. THESE DREADFUL ACTIONS COME AS A DIRECT RESULT OF AL QARADAWI'S FATWA THAT KILLING U.S. CIVILIANS IS ALLOWED. RELIGION IS A MISSION, AND FATWA IN RELIGION SHOULD BE RELIABLE, AND THE DESTRUCTION OF A NATION COMES THROUGH THESE FOOLISH FATWAS THAT LEAD TO THE DEATH OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND DISTORTS THE GREATNESS OF THE ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS VALUES." "WE CALL UPON THEM TO FILE A LEGAL CASE AGAINST THE ISSUER OF THIS FATWA FOR IT IS DIRECTLY AND DELIBERATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE TWO VICTIMS. THOSE WHO INCITE AND INSTIGATE TERRORISM MUST RECEIVE THE PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVE AND BECOME AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS."

13. UAE COLUMNIST ABDULLAH RASHID WROTE AN ARTICLE IN "AL ITTIHAD" NOTING THAT THE KILLING OF HOSTAGES IS NOT PART OF ISLAM AND THAT ISLAM IS A JUST AND RIGHTEOUS RELIGION ON 09/22:

". I AM TELLING THE MUSLIM SCHOLARS, WHO HAVE BEEN QUIET FOR A DECADE, THAT WHEN THEY DECIDED TO TALK THEY SAID NONSENSE. I AM TELLING THESE WHO THINK THEY ARE MUSLIMS: HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WILL BE BITTER TOWARDS THE GOOD ISLAMIC RELIGION? HOW MANY WILL HESITATE CONVERTING INTO ISLAM IF THEY WERE PLANNING ON IT? AND HOW MANY WILL RENOUNCE ISLAM?. I AM TELLING THESE PEOPLE 'THE PERSON WHO DOES NOT SAY THE TRUTH IS A MUTE DEVIL' AND HE IS EVEN DEAF AND BLIND.. WE ARE IN A DESTRUCTIVE WAR, SO EITHER WE PROVE THAT WE ARE A NATION THAT DESERVES LIVING AND WE FACE THIS HURRICANE WITH HONESTY OR WE STAY AS IS, LEAVING THE EARTH TO COME ON FIRE AND THEN WE CAN'T REGRET ANYTHING. WE ARE TELLING THOSE THAT ISLAM IS NOT A CAP THAT HAS RUBBISH UNDERNEATH, ISLAM IS A SIGN OF JUSTICE AND RESPECT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S RIGHTS."

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